



Governor-General (Salary) Determination 2023

This determination (to which an explanatory memorandum is appended) is made by the Remuneration Authority under section 5 of the Governor-General Act 2010 and in accordance with the Remuneration Authority Act 1977.

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Determination

1 Title

This determination is the Governor-General (Salary) Determination 2023.

2 Commencement

This determination comes into force on 1 November 2023.

3 Expiry

This determination expires on the close of 31 October 2024.

4 Salary of Governor-General

The salary payable to the Governor-General under section 5(1) of the Governor-General Act 2010 is \$440,000 a year.

5 Revocation

The Governor-General (Salary) Determination 2022 (SL 2022/274) is revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of October 2023.

Geoff Summers,
Chairperson.

Dallas Welch,
Member.

Vern Walsh,
Member.

Explanatory memorandum

This memorandum is not part of the determination, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This determination, which comes into force on 1 November 2023, sets the rate for the salary of the Governor-General. The determination is made under the Governor-General Act 2010, which provides for the Governor-General's salary to be determined from time to time by the Remuneration Authority (the **Authority**).

This year the Authority undertook a formal review of—

- the approach and processes that it uses to review the salary of the Governor-General each year; and
- the annual amount of the salary to be determined.

A report on that review is available on the Authority's Internet site (<https://www.remauthority.govt.nz>).

In making this determination, the Authority also took into account the mandatory criteria listed in sections 18 and 18A of the Remuneration Authority Act 1977 (the **Act**).

Informed by the review and after taking the mandatory criteria into account, the Authority has determined to raise the salary of the Governor-General to \$440,000 per annum, in accordance with section 18(2)(b) of the Act, which is similar to the salary payable to an Associate Judge of the High Court as shown in the Judicial Officers Salaries and Allowances (2023/24) Determination 2023.

The Authority intends to review the amount of the annual salary of the Governor-General again once the salary of the Prime Minister is known following its review of Parliamentary salaries, which is required to begin later this year (*see* section 19(6) of the Act). Early in 2024, the Authority will consider the amount of the Governor-General's salary in relation to the Prime Minister's salary and the salary of a Judge of the High Court. Should the Authority decide to alter the Governor-General's salary following that further consideration, an amending determination will be produced in accordance with section 19(4)(b) of the Act.

This determination revokes and replaces the Governor-General (Salary) Determination 2022, which expires on the close of 31 October 2023.

This determination expires on the close of 31 October 2024 (*see* section 19(1) of the Act).

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